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Harry Bridges, the unnaturalized head of the Pacific coast longshoremen's union, did not get very far with his efforts on the Atlantic coast to get the longshoremen there to go out on a sympathetic strike. In fact he was tossed out on his ear as a member of the International Longshoremen's association, and what probably hurt him more, the \$75 a week salary which went with the office has also stopped. President Ryan, of the I. L. A., is reported by the press as saying, "we are not paying men to disrupt our organization."

If this is just the first step in the downfall of the notorious Bridges the whole Pacific coast will rejoice.



Inability of the state and its numerous political subdivisions to take advantage of present low interest rates by refunding outstanding bonds is costing the taxpayers of Oregon millions of dollars, according to State Treasurer Holman.

Holman blames this situation on the policy of issuing non-callable bonds and will attempt to correct this situation by sponsoring a measure before the forthcoming legislature authorizing all bonding units to issue callable bonds in the future.

Not only is it impossible to refund bond issues at lower interest rates under the present policy but it is also impossible to call in these bonds for retirement by cities, counties and school districts which are in position to reduce their debt burden. Many of those subdivisions, Holman points out, find themselves in somewhat the same position as the state with substantial cash balances lying idle in local banks drawing little or no interest.

Holman calls attention to an additional danger arising out of this situation in that "accumulated funds for bond retirement may be diverted or lost or injudiciously invested, with the result that the taxpayers again may have to provide the funds with which to liquidate the indebtedness."

Accession of the Duke and Duchess of York to the British throne last week recalled to Governor Martin the fact that he had entertained the royal pair on their visit to the Panama canal zone ten years ago. The gov-

ernor at that time was in command of the American troops in Panama and the duke and duchess were on their way from England to Australia to open the new parliament house at Canberra. The governor describes the royal pair as "most charming English young people entirely lacking in any of the haughtiness or restraint generally ascribed to the aristocracy. Governor Martin predicts that George VI will make an excellent king while Queen Elizabeth has already won a place in the hearts of her subjects."

Compulsory arbitration of labor disputes is favored by Governor Martin who is expected to sponsor a measure before the forthcoming legislature looking to this end. Appearance of the measure, however, can be expected to draw the vigorous opposition of labor representatives in the house and senate although it will probably receive the support of members from agricultural and horticultural communities whose constituents are now feeling the pinch of the long drawn out maritime strike.

Increased cost of supplies and the necessity for renting temporary quarters for the legislature may contribute to make the forthcoming sessions the most expensive in the state's history, according to Secretary of State Snell. So far the 1931 session holds the record. That session cost the taxpayers \$134,811.30. The 1933 session cost \$102,172.05 and the 1935 session cost \$118,572.80. Clerks and stenographers on the house payroll at the 1935 session drew \$38,278 while senate employees at the same session drew \$21,844.50. The printing bill for the 1935 session amounted to \$18,602.09, stationery and supplies, \$5152.45, and postage, \$3883.33.

A "material improvement" in the state's financial condition is noted by State Treasurer Holman in his biennial report, just off the press. On December 31, 1932, the general fund had a deficit of \$3,924,011, the report points out. By March 28, 1934, the fund was back on a cash basis and on June 30, 1935, the fund showed a credit balance of \$5,697,390. On June 30, 1936, cash in the treasury department to the credit of all state funds amounted to \$10,811,000.20. Checking accounts totalling \$1,449,832.52, not allocable to any particular fund brought the state's cash total as of June 30 up to \$12,261,452.73.

Social and welfare activities financed by the state account for 53 per cent of the budgeted total which will be presented to the legislature for appropriations out of the general fund. That is of the \$13,868,177 in budget requests which Budget Director Wharton has approved \$7,462,041 represents expenditures for maintenance of the eleven penal and eleemosynary institutions, old age pensions, care of orphans, foundlings and wayward girls, etc. The comparison, however, takes into consideration only those state activities financed out of the general fund which, after all constitute only a small part of the state's total budget. The highway, for instance, expects to spend nearly \$26,000,000 of state money during the next biennium. That is nearly double the combined budgets of all general-fund-financed activities and more than three times the amount allocated to social and welfare activities. But that money will come out of the pockets of motor vehicle operators through gasoline taxes, registration fees and fees and licenses paid by operators of trucks and buses. Motor vehicle operators will also finance seven-tenths of the nearly \$1,000,000 necessary to the maintenance of the state police during the next biennium. Then there is the public utilities commission, supported by fees and truck fees; the banking department supported by the banks, the insurance department supported by insurance fees, the corporation department, the bureau of labor, the liquor control board, the milk control board, and a score or more of other so-called self-supported activities. All of which add up to a grand total of more than \$70,000,000 the big end of which will be paid through fees and licenses rather than through taxes.

Little prospect is seen here for any substantial state aid for Bandon except through outright appropriation from the general fund. Officials of the fire-ridden coast town this week told Governor Martin that they expected to ask the lawmakers to refund to the city all state taxes paid on property in that city for the next seven years. They cite the case of the city of Astoria as a precedent on which to base their claim. Astoria received refunds aggregating more than \$411,000 under a similar concession, but that was during a time in which a major portion of the state's revenue was realized from property taxes. Increased revenues from income taxes have now nearly wiped out the property tax for state purposes. As a result property owners of Bandon will pay in very little toward the support of the state and there will be little to refund under the proposed program.

LINES TO SOME HANDS

The following poem which appeared recently in a Portland daily is from the pen of Coquille's famous poet, Mrs. Frances Holmstrom:

Look now upon these hands—a poet's hands;
 Wrinkled and cracked, with large and bulging joints,
 Tipped like a tree toad's . . . I have read somewhere
 That artists' fingers end in slender points . . .

One digit has a run-around; another Long since was flattened in a stout clothes-wringer,
 And all are bowed, some this way and some that.
 Hands of a seer, oh yes, and of a singer!

If some day (soon, for lo, my hair grows white,
 And life's allotted span gains on me fast)
 Should come a sculptor to my humble door,
 Journeying far to make a plaster cast

Of this my hand (a workman it, which guides
 Pencil—across white paper, thread thro cloth,
 And puts small seeds to sleep in wide brown beds,
 Knowing not disobedience, nor sloth),

I think he'd take a look, and flush a bit
 And stammer some, and turn his face away,
 Then pick his box of Paris plaster up,
 Saying, "I'll come again—perhaps—some day."

Then, should I sigh? Oh no, these hands have knit
 Washtubs to rainbows, tears to morning stars,
 They are two crippled soldiers, that must sit
 Remembering only, glorying in their scars.

They have winnowed the soil as the roots, their kinsman, do,
 They have hived the bees, and scattered abroad the grain,
 They have taken from earth, and given again thereto,
 They are dark with the sun, they are beaten clean with the rain.

I can lay them down by the side of thousands of others
 That knit up the world's raveled fabric with needles of toil,
 Hands at sickbeds, hands of pioneer mothers,
 Building hands, giving hands, hands of the tillers of soil.

But if these two of mine keep faith with their given duty,
 And attain to the rest they have both desired and deserved,
 They shall mix with their dust a more immortal beauty
 Than sculptured perfection: the beauty of having served.

Frances Holmstrom,
 191 N. Elliott St., Coquille, Ore.

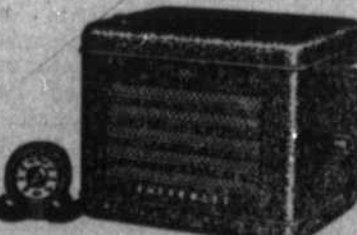
Probate Court

Vivian Bushnell was appointed on Monday as guardian for John L. and Robert H. Bushnell. Appraisers of the estate are Jim Gurney, Ray Johnson and Cyrus Johnson.

Roseline Kurtli was named as guardian, on Saturday, for Robert Kurtli whose estate is to be appraised by Tom McNamara, B. E. Andrews and Fred B. Hollister.
 Nellie Lockwood has been named as administratrix of the estate of A. J. Lockwood, who died at North Bend, Jan. 28, 1936. The appraisers are W. O. Campbell, Felix Kester and Marian K. Walsh.

Emma C. Fourier has been appointed administratrix of the \$10,000 estate left by her late husband, Geo. J. Fourier, who died at Coos Bay, Oct. 21. John Ferguson, Henry Fourier and Ray Olsen will appraise the estate.

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Eleven Divorces Granted

It was field day for divorce actions in Circuit court on Tuesday, Judge Brand separating eleven unhappy couples. Decrees were granted to the plaintiffs in the following cases:
 Laila V. Brown vs. John L. Brown.
 Chas. S. Littlefield vs. Retta Littlefield.
 Myrtle Williams vs. Marvin Williams.
 Wm. F. Thorp vs. Phebe E. Thorp.
 Leah P. Gwillin vs. Owen C. Gwillin.
 Clifford J. Freeland vs. Lillian F. Freeland.
 Archie D. Brown vs. Myrtle M. Brown.
 Harvey W. Crumrine vs. Nellie S. Crumrine.
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